

Application No. 09/763,882
Response dated June 7, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 5, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 2-5 and 7-12 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 have been amended. Claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled, and rewritten as claims 11 and 12.

- (1) Title of the invention was objected to, which has been corrected in this Response.
- (2) The specification was objected to, which has been corrected in this Response.
- (3) Claims 2, 3 and 6-10 were objected to, which has been corrected in the amendment in this Response.
- (4) Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35USC§112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, which has been amended in the amendment in this Response.
- (5) In view of the above, claims 2-5 and 7-12, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

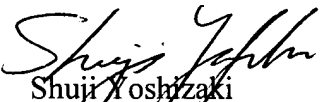
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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